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US Aid to Israel Said Cut In Effort to Woo Nasser

State Department Adamant

WASHINGTON (INA). — Official U.S. sources on Wednesday revealed that the termination of grant-in-aid to Israel arose from a political decision of the State Department rather than from any economic conclusions of the International Cooperation Administration.

These sources suggested that the suspension of the grant to Israel is part of a broader State Department diplomatic decision to "disengage" to some extent from American identification with Israel. Such "disengagement" was termed desirable in order to facilitate efforts by the U.S. to gain diplomatic advantage from the intra-Arab rift between the U.A.R. and Iraq.

The main problem concerning the State Department was said to be one of improving Western relations with the U.A.R. while simultaneously preventing Iraq from moving further into the Communist orbit.

The American sources said that the State Department was rigidly opposed to Israel efforts to secure reinstatement of the grant, although there was a tendency within the I.C.A. to restore the assistance.

The officials said that nothing could be done because the final decision rested with the State Department.

A member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. James G. Fulton (Pennsylvania, Republican), has requested the State Department to appear before the Committee to show cause why Israel should be eliminated from the list of special aid recipients in the new fiscal year.

Representative Fulton said on Wednesday that he does not feel Israel is receiving fair treatment. He said Israel is entitled to the same consideration given Arab states, such as Jordan, which is to receive a multi-million dollar grant for the new fiscal year.

He said the State Department officials assured him that a study would be prepared for a Committee hearing to be held in the near future.

Israel to Appeal Grant-in-Aid Cut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel representatives in Washington have been instructed to clarify whether the U.S. Government has actually approved the decision, reported from Washington on Wednesday, to discontinue grant-in-aid assistance to Israel. Should this be the case, representations will be made in an effort to reverse the decision.

This was announced by the Finance Ministry's spokesman in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

The U.S. decision caught Treasury and Foreign Ministry officials unawares.

It is understood that the decision would be effective from June 1960, at the start of the 1960/61 U.S. fiscal year.

Grant-in-aid amounts this year to $7.5m. It had declined progressively over the past few years. While in 1954 Israel received some $52m. in grant-in-aid, but no loans, U.S. assistance to Israel in 1958 amounted to only $7.5m. in grant-in-aid, another $15m. in loans from the Development Loan Fund, and $40m. in food surpluses.

Rump Arab League Meeting Due Today

BEIRUT (Reuter).—Lebanese Premier Rashid Karameh told his weekly press conference on Wednesday that his Government was trying to persuade Tunisia, Jordan and Iraq to attend Thursday's (today's) meeting here of the Arab League political committee.

The main item on the agenda is the rift between Iraq and the U.A.R. Other subjects are U.A.R. relations with Tunisia and Jordan, and the flow of immigration to Israel.

The Secretary-General of the League, Abdul Khalek Hassouna, who arrived in Beirut on Wednesday, told reporters that it would be for delegations to decide whether the meeting should be postponed in the absence of Iraq and Tunisia.

The Lebanese newspaper "A Rawad" said in an editorial on Tuesday that Jordan was completely justified in rejecting the invitation to attend the League committee session. "What did Hassouna do when Jordan was threatened by a Nasser invasion? What did Hassouna do when Jordan was forced to sever its diplomatic relations with the U.A.R.? Did he assist in any way?" the paper asked rhetorically.

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Queen's Zionist Interest Overcomes Protocol Rigidity

Jerusalem Post Reporter

On the fourth day of her intensive tour in Israel, Queen Elisabeth of Belgium yesterday went on a sightseeing trip in Jerusalem, lunched with the children of Ben-Shemen village, attended the inauguration of the Goldmunz Museum in Natanya, and heard a concert in Tel Aviv as guest of honour of the I.P.O.

On Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, where protocol called for two girl soldiers only to lay the Queen's wreath on the grave of Theodor Herzl, Her Majesty stepped forward and carried the wreath forward with the khaki-clad girls. She said to Mr. Zalman Shazar, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, "I want you to know that I have a great admiration for Herzl."

An artillery unit presented arms as the Queen arrived at the graveside, the first time during her tour that a military guard of honour was present.

At some distance from the grave, Her Majesty planted a cedar sapling and industriously shovelled earth back into the pit, despite the gentle demonstrances of her escorts.

With the sapling securely embedded, Her Majesty looked up with a smile of satisfaction and asked the Chief of Protocol what would happen to the tree. She was told that this was the first sapling in an avenue of trees that would be planted by distinguished leaders of state.

Earlier in the day the Queen toured Jerusalem, accompanied by Mayor Gershon Agron. At the Alice Seligsberg Vocational High School, 400 pupils lined up in the courtyard to cheer the royal visitor. The Queen visited classrooms, inspected student handicrafts and was presented with a collection of figurines made in the school.

Travelling through the main streets en route to Hadassah's Family and Community Centre in Kiryat Yovel, the Queen was cheered by thousands of schoolchildren who lined the route. At the Centre, Her Majesty was received by Hadassah heads and spoke directly in French or through translators with new immigrants who were being treated there.

I.P.O. Presents Royal Concert

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Queen Elisabeth of the Belgians, and the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Wednesday night attended a gala concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra given in honour of the Royal guest at the Mann Auditorium here.

The occasion bore all the glitter of a Royal command performance with the first three rows filled by distinguished guests.

The orchestra played Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, and Mordechai Seter's "Midnight Prayer," a rhapsody on Yemenite themes.

Conductor Garry Bertini, the soloists, duo-pianists Pierre Luboshutz and Genia Nemenoff, the composer, Mr. Seter, several of the musicians and members of the I.P.O. management were presented to the Queen.

Long before the start of the concert large crowds gathered outside the flood-lit auditorium to welcome the Queen. Police kept exemplary order.

Huberman's Partner

At 8 o'clock the Royal and Presidential entourages arrived from the Accadia Grand Hotel in Herzliya to the cheers of the crowds. Prior to the concert the Queen visited the Huberman Memorial Archives in the Auditorium library. Her Majesty and the late Bronislav Huberman, the founder of the I.P.O., were close personal friends and often played violin duets together.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi escorted the Queen into the hushed concert hall, followed by the President, the Belgian Ambassador, Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, Mayor Haim Levanon and the Deputy Mayors.

Queen Elisabeth was wearing an ankle-length light beige chiffon dress to which was attached a large pink rose. Mrs. Ben-Zvi was in a long white evening gown with a deep red rose. The gentlemen were in formal evening dress.

In the audience were the Knesset Speaker, Mr. N. Nir; Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K.; the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov; the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Y. Nahmias; the Diplomatic Corps led by several Ambassadors, including the Soviet Ambassador; Mr. Edward G. Robinson, and their ladies.

The orchestra played the Belgian national anthem followed by Hatikva, before commencing with the concert.

The royal entourage is staying at the Accadia Hotel where an eight-room suite has been set aside for it. The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi also spent Wednesday night at the hotel.

Last Poles Return Home from Russia

NEW YORK (INA). — "The New York Times" reported from Moscow on Wednesday that the last trainloads of Poles returning to their homeland from the Soviet Union crossed the Bug River into Eastern Poland on Tuesday.

Officially, the last trains marked the end of a repatriation agreement, signed between Poland and the Soviet Union in November 1956, under which about 250,000 Poles have returned to Poland. They have come from villages in what was once Poland and is now part of the Soviet Union, and from labour camps deep in the Soviet interior.

Among the repatriates were about 14,000 Jews, the report said. "They returned to a country to which they were tied by family, friends and memories — and found only memories."

The newspaper added that the Polish authorities have been permitting resident Polish Jews to emigrate to Israel, but Soviet and Arab leaders reportedly have made it clear that they resented Poland's being a stop on the way to Israel for repatriated Jews.

"The New York Times" concluded: "The repatriated Jews have found it difficult to leave for Israel. The hope that with the end of the repatriation agreement the Polish Government will be able to relax restrictions is not spoken of much, but it is there."

B.O.A.C. Flies Round World in 86 Hours

LONDON (Reuter). — A B.O.A.C. Britannia turbo-prop airliner left London on Tuesday night to open the first round-the-world service to be flown solely by jet planes.

It will fly across the Atlantic, the U.S. and the Pacific to Tokyo and Hong Kong, linking at these two points with B.O.A.C.'s Comet IV pure-jet service, which started on Wednesday night, flying between London and Hong Kong and Tokyo across Europe, through the Middle East and by way of Pakistan, India and Thailand.

It will thus be possible to fly 25,000 miles round the world in 86 hours, five minutes.

On the 1st Anniversary of the death of our beloved

YOAV ZUCKERMAN

a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone will take place at his grave, at the Gedera Cemetery, on Sunday, April 5, 1959, at 3 p.m.

A special bus will leave Avnal, Rehov Jabotinsky, Ramat Gan, near the Stratron, at 2 p.m.

India Quarrels With China Over Tibet

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — The first real rift in friendly relations between India and Communist China appeared on Wednesday over troubled Tibet when the Indian Government accused the Chinese Embassy here of "highly improper" behaviour.

Uproar broke out in Parliament as members took sides over criticism of the Chinese Embassy for continuing to circulate charges that the Indian border town of Kalimpong was used as the centre of the Tibetan revolt in spite of a denial by Premier Nehru.

Experienced Parliamentary observers could not recall any parallel to the scenes, in which at one time a fight seemed imminent.

An independent member moved the adjournment of the House to secure a discussion of the Chinese action in circulating an article from "The People's Daily," of Peking, after Mr. Nehru's denial. But the Speaker ruled that the motion should be considered on Thursday (today), when Mr. Nehru returns from a visit to Rajastan.

Mrs. Lakshmi Menon, Deputy External Affairs Minister, speaking in the absence of Mr. Nehru, openly accused the Chinese Embassy of highly improper behaviour.

"Prime Minister Nehru's integrity and honesty have been challenged, and I take very strong exception to it," she said amid loud applause from all except the Communist benches.

Mass Round-Up Of Tibetans

KALIMPONG, North-East India. — The Chinese Communists are rounding up thousands of Tibetans and taking them off in trucks, probably to forced labour camps, according to reports from Tibet quoted by usually reliable sources here on Wednesday.

The Chinese have also tightened their guard around India's Consulate-General at Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, the sources said.

Reports in Taipeh newspapers said the Nationalist air force was dropping encouraging leaflets and minor supplies — "comfort items," such as toothbrushes, towels, etc. — to the rebels and planned to fly in Nationalist officials to help the rebels.

There was no word, however, that arms, ammunition, signal equipment and other military supplies promised by the Nationalists were being parachuted to the rebels.

(Reuter, UPI)

Burmese Fighting Chiang Stragglers

RANGOON (Reuter).—Heavy fighting is going on between Burmese troops and Chinese Nationalist bands in the wild and sparsely-populated Wa region in North Shan state, according to reports here on Wednesday.

The Chinese are remnants of units which fled from China in 1949 before the Chinese Communist armies. The Burmese authorities are confident they will have to retreat or face starvation when the monsoon breaks.

Albania Alleges Greek Incursion

LONDON (Reuter). — Albania has protested to Greece against the entry of 15 armed Greek soldiers into Albanian territory on March 30, according to Albanian press reports quoted by the Soviet news agency, TASS, on Wednesday.

According to TASS, the protest note said the Greek soldiers opened fire on an Albanian peasant and on a military patrol 200 metres inside the frontier near Brachan, in the district of Bilishte, killing one Albanian soldier and wounding another.

DEDICATES NATANYA MUSEUM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NATANYA. — Queen Elisabeth inaugurated the Goldmunz Art Museum here on Wednesday, opening the main door with a golden key. She arrived at the site at 5 p.m. and was greeted by a large crowd of cheering citizens. After greetings in French from Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K., Mr. Oved Ben-Ami, initiator of the project, presented Her Majesty with the key.

Following her into the building was Mr. Romi Goldmunz, the Belgian philanthropist by whose efforts the museum was built. He affixed a mezuza to the doorpost.

On entering the entrance hall, Her Majesty unveiled her own work, a bust of her grandson, Prince Albert of the Belgians. The work was donated by the Queen to the Museum's permanent collection.

Afterwards, she walked through the rooms of the museum inspecting the works of "modernistic" Israel artists.

Over 1,000 invited guests attended, among them a delegation of Belgian visitors led by M. Camille Huysmans, former Speaker of the Belgian Parliament, and the Mayor of Antwerp.

Executive Post For Rhodesian African

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia (Reuter). — The first African to have an executive post in any Parliament in the Rhodesian Federation, Mr. J.Z. Savanhu, was sworn in by the Governor-General, Lord Dalhousie, on Wednesday.

Mr. Savanhu has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs, with special responsibility for race affairs.

Western F.M.'s Meet Again In Paris, April 29

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The four Western Foreign Ministers declared in a communique on Wednesday that they had concluded a series of "useful" meetings here in preparation for the May 11 Geneva meeting with the Soviet Union, and had agreed to meet again in Paris on April 29 "for further preparations."

The communique concluded by saying that "all these preparations are based on a sincere desire to negotiate constructively with the Soviet Union in the interests of world peace."

The communique came at the end of two days of talks between the U.S., British, French and West German Foreign Ministers.

It said they reviewed the report of the four-power working group, which met in Paris from March 9 to 21, as a basis in preparing for the Foreign Ministers' meeting with the Soviet Union.

They provided guidance to the four-power working group for its next series of meetings scheduled to begin in London on April 13. The Ministers also agreed on the form of a report to be made to the Nato Council on Thursday afternoon (today).

Russian Warning Over Berlin Air Corridor

BERLIN (Reuter). — A Soviet Embassy spokesman in East Berlin said on Wednesday that complications were possible if the U.S. failed to heed warnings against flying above 10,000 feet in the three air corridors between Berlin and West Germany.

The spokesman, Mr. Yuri Beburov, declined to specify the "complications." He added: "The Western allies have been flying within the 10,000 feet ceiling for so many years that a kind of prescriptive right has resulted. If aircraft now fly at higher altitudes, it would be in the interest of the Americans to negotiate about it."

He told questioners that, as far as he knew, Russia had not asked for such negotiations.

The U.S. announced on Tuesday that it had protested to the Soviet Union about the "buzzing" of an American transport by Russian fighters last Friday. The State Department spokesman said the Americans had never accepted any altitude ceilings on their right to operate in the corridors.

Western allied spokesmen in Berlin said on Wednesday that, as far as was known to them, there had never been an altitude ceiling fixed for planes using the corridors.

Travel Ban on West's Diplomats in Russia

LONDON (Reuter). — Travel by members of Western diplomatic missions to virtually any part of the Soviet Union, except Leningrad, has been forbidden "for temporary reasons," a Foreign Office spokesman said here on Wednesday.

The spokesman said parts of the Soviet Union normally open to foreign visitors are temporarily closed to Western diplomats at this time of year when large-scale military manoeuvres take place. But the area closed this year was considerably larger than on previous occasions, he added.

In Washington, the State Department imposed a virtually complete ban on travel by Soviet diplomats in the U.S., explaining that this was a "reciprocal" move for the Soviet restrictions.

Ship Held Running Ore to E. Germany

ATHENS (UPI). — The Green cargo ship Martha has been arrested near Gibraltar on suspicion of trying to carry iron ore to East Germany, contrary to Nato agreement, it was announced on Wednesday.

The announcement said unidentified U.S. naval authorities escorted the Martha (not listed in Lloyds) into Piraeus on Tuesday morning.

The Martha was said to be carrying iron ore from Turkey with a false declaration that it was bound for Greece, but continued on its way towards East Germany.

Greek authorities consented to the arrest of the freighter, under the terms of a Greek decree accepting the Nato ban on shipment of war materials to Iron Curtain countries.

U.S. REPUBLICAN LEADER QUITS

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Mr. Meade Alcorn, Chairman of the Republican Party, on Wednesday announced his resignation for personal reasons. He is to return to his law firm.

IL 1,471 Million Budget Passed; House Assured Call-Up Is Routine

Alarm Caused By Announcement

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A dramatic and surprise mobilization of three Reserve units, broadcast over Kol Yisrael at 9 p.m. last night sent a wave of anxiety throughout the nation which was later dispelled by official announcements that the call-up was only for routine manoeuvres. The broadcast said that three units, identified by their code names, were to report to their meeting places at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Kol Yisrael announced several times before its 9 o'clock news bulletin that an important announcement was to be broadcast. Even before the call-up was broadcast the radio station and newspaper offices were flooded with calls to determine its nature, but Kol Yisrael refused to reply.

Nine Languages

The announcement itself was transmitted in nine languages beginning in Hebrew, followed by Arabic, English, Yiddish, Polish, Spanish, French, Hungarian, and Rumanian.

The terseness of the announcement, and the fact that it was broadcast in so many languages, added to the apprehension.

As the 9 o'clock report was passed on by word of mouth, rumours began circulating of mobilization, and newspaper and the Government Public Information offices were swamped with calls for explanations. The Army spokesman later explained that the call-up was a routine manoeuvre. It was explained that it was the first stage of a test of the efficacy of the call-up system.

'Arab Hostility Can't Last Another Decade'

STANFORD, California (UPI). — Ambassador Abba Eban told a Stanford University audience on Tuesday that Arabs and Jews will learn to live in peace, but he would not predict "an early break in the clouds" of Middle East tension.

He said the Arab nations could not hold their hostile attitude towards Israel for another 10 years. "There is nothing irreconcilable in this world," Mr. Eban said. "The Arabs must share the future with us in peace."

He said Israel had no fear of the recent growth of Arab nationalism, and pointed to the success of Israel troops against Egyptian forces during the Suez crisis.

In a scathing reference to Abdul Nasser, Mr. Eban suggested that he "devote some of his energies to Egypt, the only subject which has failed thus far to interest him."

UNRWA to Continue, Says New Director

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Teamwork among Middle East countries in cooperation with the U.N. could bring about a permanent solution of the Palestine Arab refugee problem, Mr. John Davis, new Director General of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), said here on Wednesday.

Mr. Davis said he believed UNRWA would carry on its relief work after 1960, when its mandate ends. He added that the Agency still suffered from a budget deficit of about $2m. to meet its minimum health, shelter and food ration programmes.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Mexican Foreign Ministry confirmed on Wednesday that two Soviet diplomats have been asked to leave the country "as soon as possible" for meddling in last week-end's railroad strike.

Eshkol Expresses Government's Regret over Form of Broadcast

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, who acts for the Prime Minister in the latter's absence, made an unscheduled appearance in the Knesset last night to announce that no special significance attached to the call-up of three units of reserves which had been broadcast in dramatic form at 9 o'clock. He emphasized that the manner in which the broadcast had been made was "regrettable."

The entire incident has been referred to the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

Mr. Eshkol spoke three times. The first time he said only that the call-up was a routine matter. This was at 9.35, immediately after the budget had been passed.

From 8.30, when the news began to drift into the Knesset that Kol Yisrael was asking listeners to tune in at 9 for an important announcement, the Chamber had been buzzing with speculation and rumours.

All this time, the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Israel Guri, was having a difficult time making himself heard in his final speech on the Budget.

Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut), asking to speak on a point of order after the vote, said Kol Yisrael had reported "a general mobilization." Despite the importance of such an announcement, the Knesset had been left in ignorance, and did not know what had led to it. He moved that the Knesset should not adjourn and that the Speaker should demand an official statement from the Government.

Only Three Units

Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen then stated that the announcement involved the call-up of three units only, and not mobilization of the whole Army. He said he assumed there were special reasons for the form of the announcement.

"There has been no contact between the Prime Minister and the Cabinet," Mr. Rosen said. "We are used to this." (Laughter).

The Deputy Speaker, Mrs. Beba Idelson, agreed to declare a recess instead of closing the session. As she finished speaking, Mr. Eshkol asked to make his announcement.

Some 40 minutes later the Knesset reassembled, and Mr. Eshkol mounted the rostrum again. He said that he had spoken by telephone to the Prime Minister in Tel Aviv in the interval, and made a somewhat fuller statement than before.

Mr. Joseph Saphir (General Zionist) then moved that the Foreign Affairs Committee deal with the question. It should especially consider whether the announcement just made by Mr. Eshkol was correct, who was responsible for the one-hour advance notice to tune in at 9 p.m. — giving the impression that something of great importance was happening — and the effect the announcement would have on the public.

Dr. Zerah Wahrhaftig (National Religious) said it was not right that the Knesset should be cut off from what was going on. If the radio announcement really had no special significance it should not have taken almost two hours to inform the Knesset of the fact.

Mr. Ya'acov Riftin (Mapam) said he hoped the statements made by Messrs. Rosen and Eshkol were "in keeping with reality." But on the basis of past experience he did not have full confidence in such information. It was not natural that even the Ministers had not known anything. There must be an end to irresponsible statements which caused damage to the State.

But Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon (Ahdut Ha'avoda) thought that the fact that the Cabinet knew nothing was proof that what had taken place was not a security matter at all, but that there had been a blunder in the way the announcement had been made. This latter question should be investigated by the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Miss Esther Vilenska (Communist) said that the announcement had led to anxiety. The Knesset should charge the Government with keeping the peace.

Mr. Ishar Harari (Progressive) said it was not within the province of the Knesset to instruct the Government what course of action to follow. It was for the Executive to act, while the Knesset could afterwards criticize or express non-confidence. There was no need for a Knesset resolution that the Foreign Affairs Committee discuss the matter, for the committee chairman could convene the members at any time.

Mr. Eshkol then took the floor for the third time in the evening to say (as Mr. Ben-Aharon had) that the fact that the Cabinet members knew nothing was further proof that there was really nothing to be known.

By common consent, the Knesset referred the matter to the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. Mr. Eshkol saying that the Government had no objection.

Passage Came One Day Late

The Knesset last night passed the Budget for 1958/59 amounting to IL1,471 million by a vote of 58-19, with six abstentions. It was supported by the four Coalition parties, and opposed by Herut, the General Zionists and the Communists.

The National Religious Party abstained. Agudа and Poalei Agudа were absent.

The Chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, Mr. Israel Guri, said before the vote that while the Knesset's delay by one day in passing the Budget might not seem a very serious thing, it certainly was not desirable that the State remain without a budget even for one day. The Treasury had not been able to expend any funds yesterday.

When Deputy Speaker Beba Idelson was about to put the Budget Bill to a vote, Mr. Michael Chazani (National Religious) asked that the Knesset recess for 15 minutes before the vote. This was denied. Later, Mr. Chazani explained that his faction had been instructed by party headquarters to vote against the budget, but as there had been a feeling that something grave had occurred, they had abstained from voting against the Government.

Higher Customs

Customs on many items went into effect as of yesterday. The increases are considerably lower than those announced on March 2 but not imposed because of public protest.

The increases are expected to bring in IL4m. a year. The March 2 fees envisaged double the revenue. Following are the new rates with those announced in March in brackets.

Duty is raised to 80 per cent (100 per cent) on:

- Washing machines and spare parts.
- Electric shavers.
- Sundry shaving equipment.
- Vacuum cleaners.
- Kitchen mixers.
- Other electrical appliances.

Duty is raised to 50 per cent (100 per cent) on:

- Electric metering equipment.

Duty is now 15 per cent (25 per cent) on:

- Copper and phosphorous bronze.

Ten per cent up (25 per cent) on various precision instruments, and angle iron.

Fifteen per cent (20 per cent):

- Formaldehyde and para-formaldehyde; rolled iron and steel; sheet and plate iron and steel.

Ten per cent (15 per cent) on Welding machines and automotive spare parts.

Among other increases are: Caustic Soda 50 per cent (80), Phenol, 40 per cent (50), Rawhides 7.5 per cent (20), Tanning materials 15 p.c. (*5), Acetic acid 35 per cent (70). Citric acid 100 pruta per kilogram (40 per cent plus 100 pruta per kilogram).

Asbestos for the production of high pressure pipes of up to 3-inch diameter (60 per cent) and bee-keeping, fishing, dairy and poultry equipment (15 per cent) are totally exempt.

The Customs Authorities also announced a technical change in the computation of purchase tax on locally produced refrigerators from IL600 per unit to IL150 per unit plus 100 per cent of the wholesale price. This will not change the total tax.

Gen. Franco Dedicates 'Valley of Fallen'

VALLEY OF THE FALLEN, Spain (UPI). — Generalissimo Franco on Wednesday dedicated his controversial "Valley of the Fallen," 30 miles from Madrid, to Spain's one million civil war dead, but publicly ignored a plea to free political prisoners.

The 67-year-old Chief of State chose the 20th anniversary of the end of the war for formal dedication of the mammoth basilica carved out of solid granite in which he plans to re-bury many of the civil war fallen.

How to Make Sea Water Drinkable

HELSINKI (UPI). — Engineers drilling test holes for the foundations of a new bridge accidentally drilled into the underground storage tanks of the state alcohol monopoly, a Helsinki newspaper said on Wednesday.

Thousands of litres of alcohol leaked into the sea, which took on a greenish tinge and tested out at 38 proof, the paper added.

'Well over 3,000' Feared Dead in Madagascar

PARIS (Reuter).— Well over 3,000 persons are believed dead in Madagascar's floods which followed a series of cyclones, the island's Prime Minister, M. Philibert Tsirinana, told the Paris newspaper "Paris-Journal" on Tuesday night.

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Transportation from:
JERUSALEM: The Jewish Agency Compound, at 2.30 p.m.;
TEL AVIV: Keren Kayemet House, 7 Rehov Hashachar, at 1 p.m.
Those intending to participate are requested to notify the KKL Offices by telephone: Jerusalem 4663; Tel Aviv 64406.

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Social & Personal

The President on Wednesday received Mr. Herman N. Guggenheim of Switzerland.

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The Knesset Speaker, Mr. Nahum Nir, on Wednesday received the Chief Rabbi of Capetown, Prof. Israel Abrahams.

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Mrs. Chaim Weizmann entertained to an intimate luncheon yesterday Mrs. Edouard de Rothschild.

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Dr. Alexander Raphaeli, Managing Director of Jerusalem Pencils and Vered Tool and Die Industries, has left for Rangoon, Burma, for industrial consultation at the invitation of the Burmese government.

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Hevrat Ovdim appointed its new representatives to the Board of Agro Bank, renamed the Israel-South America Bank, it was reported on Wednesday. The new board will include two representatives of Hevrat Ovdim, I. Efter and G. Levinson, and two Koor representatives, I. Dem and Bar-Kohva Meirovits.

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Mr. C. Harwell, editor of the "Nashville Tennessean," will be the guest speaker of the Tel Aviv - Yafo Rotary Club at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, on Thursday (today). He will lecture on "Press Freedom and Responsibility."

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Prof. Morton Hamburger, of Cincinnati General Hospital, Ohio, will lecture on "Studies in Bacterial Endocarditis — Clinical and Experimental" today, at 7.45 p.m., in Lecture Hall "A," the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

Opera Adds Two To Repertoire

TEL AVIV. — The world premiere of Menahem Avidom's "Alexandra the Hasmonean" and a revival of Rossini's "Barber of Seville" will add two more works to the permanent repertoire of the Israel National Opera.

Both operas will be performed with all-Israeli casts and will be conducted by Georg Singer. Other productions scheduled for this year include operas and operettas by Offenbach, Mozart and Puccini.

Guest artists who will return to Israel this year include Miss Michiko Sunahara, of the Tokyo Opera, and Miss Marylin Taylor, from Amsterdam. Both started here in leading roles last year.

Butcher Sues Printing Company

Hearings began on Wednesday in the Jerusalem District Court on a private libel suit against the Kadimah Press of Jerusalem brought by Mr. Suleiman Balan, the owner of the disputed non-kasher butcher shop in the German Colony.

He avers that a poster printed by the respondent, claiming that his shop carried "horse, camel, donkey, rabbit and rat meat," was libellous and had damaged him financially. *(Itim)*

Wolffsohn Estate Goes to Libraries

The residue of the estate of David Wolffsohn, the late Zionist leader, has been divided between the Jewish National and University Library and the Yeshurun Library, by the decision of the executors.

About IL2,000, representing approximately three-quarters of the residue, went to the Jewish National and University Library for the purchase of books for a collection to be named for the donor.

The estate contributed funds for the construction of the David Wolffsohn Building which houses the library on Mount Scopus.

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TEL AVIV: Kolberg, 23 Allenby, 23335; Nordau 185 Ben Yehuda, 28873; Moscowitz, 26 King George, 63650; Mishlin, 112 Allenby, 63283; Maccabi, New Maccabi Qtr., 31387.; **JAFFA**: Bojani, 98 Ederet Yerushalayim, 82966; **RISHON**: Strahilevitz; **HOLON**: Birtut, Sokolow. **NATANYA**: Aputa.
HAIFA: Glousman, 13 Balfour, 4033.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Hametri, 71 Bethlehem Rd. 61467. Dr. Grunwald, 22 Bin-Nun, 62963. Dr. Shor, 46 Rashi.
TEL AVIV: Dr. Elian, 5 Shimshon, 26748. Dr. Har-Even, 38 Sheinkin, 25411. Dr. Weiss, 72 Dizengoff. Dr. Simon, 43 Keren Kayemet, 61374.
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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post April 2, 1959

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeals

Before the President (Justice Olshan) Justices Berinson and Witkon.

Nahum & Sarah Rosenstein, Appellants, v. Nehemia Rosenstein, Respondent (C.A. 204/58).

Parents Ordered To Support 39-year-old Son

Nehemia Rosenstein, the respondent, left his parents' home at an early age and supported himself for many years without any assistance from them. He eventually lost everything he possessed and fell ill in addition, descending to the state of having to depend on assistance from the Social Welfare Department in order to exist. At the age of 39, when he was earning only IL80 a month, he sued his parents for maintenance and was granted IL40 a month by Judge Many of the Tel Aviv District Court.

The parents appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court, their Counsel arguing that in accordance with Jewish law a son is not entitled to maintenance from his parents if he does not observe the commandment to honour his father and mother.

Mr. I. Lieser appeared for the appellants and Mr. Y. Barkai for the respondent.

Judgment

The President, who delivered the majority judgment of the Supreme Court, Justice Berinson concurring, said that there was no need to consider in principle the question of whether a son who does not honour his parents is entitled to maintenance. Both parties were agreed that the onus of proving the son's defection, and that the relationship between him and his parents is such as to exempt the latter from the duty of supporting him, is on the parents. And in the present case, he continued, the District Court had held that it was unable to establish the cause of the respondent's leaving his parents' home at so early an age because of insufficient evidence. The appellants had, therefore, not succeeded in proving that the respondent was not entitled to their support.

Turning next to the appellants' argument that the District Court should have accepted their offer to take the respondent into their home and care for him, instead of ordering them to pay him maintenance, the President said that it must be borne in mind that there is a great difference between a claim for maintenance on the part of a minor and the rare instance when such a claim is made by a man of almost forty who has not lived with his parents or needed their support for many a long year. No hard and fast rule may be indiscriminately laid down, therefore, and it must be left to the court to decide whether an alternative to maintenance is feasible, depending on the circumstances of each individual case.

As to the respondent's earning capacity, both he and a doctor had testified on that point, said the President, and in the absence of any rebutting evidence the District Court had been entitled to conclude that it was limited. And this particularly in the light of the fact that a maintenance order is never final and may be amended in keeping with any change in circumstances, such as, for example, if the respondent should begin to earn more, or if the appellants should succeed in proving that he could earn more if he were so inclined or if it should transpire that he were using his maintenance frivolously instead of living on it.

Justice Witkon

Justice Witkon, who dissented, said that in his opinion the onus of proving that he was incapable of earning IL320 a month himself was on the respondent and no proof either to his advantage or disadvantage had been produced by him. He therefore thought that the case should be returned to the District Court to hear evidence on this point and decide accordingly.

Appeal dismissed by majority decision.

Judgment given on March 17, 1959.

IT'S THE LAW

It is forbidden to practise medicine or prescribe treatment within the premises of a pharmacy. (Pharmacists Ordinance).

Army Cracks Down On Training Accidents

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV. — The Defence Forces will take a stern view of accidents during training and will bring those responsible to trial. Aluf Meir Zorea, head of the G-Branch, is quoted as saying in the latest issue of "Bamahane," the Army weekly.

Accidents are unavoidable when training under fire, but if they were the result of carelessness or disregard of safety rules, those responsible would face serious charges, he said.

Aluf Zorea also stated that border dwellers had been instructed on how to act in the event of border incidents in order to localize them as much as possible.

Niv to Head State Tourist Unit in U.K.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf-Mishne David Niv, general manager of the 10th Anniversary Celebrations Committee, will take over the post of Director of the Government Tourist Corporation office in London as of August 1, it was learned here on Tuesday.

Mr. Israel Zuriel, who has held the post for the past five years, will return to Israel. A/M Niv will leave the Defence Forces in order to take up his new post, it is learned.

Politicians to Fight At Musical Site

TEL AVIV. — The management of the Mann Auditorium this week decided to rent the hall for election meetings to all parties standing for Knesset and municipal elections.

The auditorium will be rented on condition that not more than its seating capacity, 2,700, will be present, it was learned. No decision has been made on whether to rent the hall also for Histadrut elections.

The Tel Aviv municipality has 50 per cent representation on the Mann Auditorium management.

The roof of the auditorium, which had leaked, is now under repair.

Cafe Owner Held In Dope Probe

TEL AVIV. — The owner of a cafe in Jaffa, Fuad Sharabani, was remanded for 15 days by Magistrate Y. Treivish here on Wednesday on suspicion of selling narcotics.

His arrest early in the day followed the continued interrogation of the police sergeant, Eliahu Cohen, who is accused of having connections with drug sellers.

A 25-year-old woman was arrested with Sharabani. Police who searched Sharabani's cafe found quantities of opium and hashish on the premises. *(Itim)*

Vanity Fades For Pensions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The age-old problem of women shaving years off their age is reversed at the National Insurance Institute," Mr. Avraham Rimon, head of the Old Age Pensions branch, said in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

"Since pensions are paid to women reaching the age of 60, many are even ready to add a couple of years to their ages," he added.

Central African Premier Dies in Plane Crash

BANGUI, Central African Republic (UPI). — A search party on Tuesday found the body of Central African Republic Premier Barthelemy Boganda and those of eight other passengers in the wreckage of a French airliner that crashed on a hillside 90 kilometres west of here on Sunday. There were no survivors.

Premier Boganda, 48, a former Catholic priest, was widely respected both in France and equatorial Africa and was especially highly esteemed in Paris for having helped persuade his people to vote in favour of remaining in the French Community in General de Gaulle's referendum last September. The territory changed its name from Oubangui-Chari to the Central African Republic when it officially became a member of the Community.

Visitors' Gallery — M. A. Beek

Dutch Theologian Notices Many Changes in Eight Years

By MACABEE KASKIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The choice of Hebrew words was Biblical; the accent, Dutch; and the enthusiasm displayed for Israel and all things Israel was definitely that of a Zionist.

The speaker was Dr. M. A. Beek, 49, Professor of Theology at the University of Amsterdam and President of the Israel-Holland League, who is on his third trip to Israel. This time Dr. Beek is leading a group of 28 members of the Netherlands Protestant Union.

One of the group is Miss Alida van Daalen, who teaches Hebrew and Aramaic at the University of Amsterdam and who is utilizing the trip to prepare a thesis on Samson.

If Dr. Beek is deeply "impressed by the achievements of Israel" since his 1951 visit, he is nostalgically aware that "Israel has lost something of its colourful character." Specifically, the oriental communities, especially the Yemenites and Kurds, have abandoned their traditional mode of dress for western styles.

Levelling Process

"A great levelling process has been at work here," he continued, adding that even Meah Shearim — "which I never liked" — seems to have lost something of its quaint mediaeval flavour.

"The changes do not seem to be superficial, but part of a deeply-rooted movement towards nationalistic unity," he said.

But if Israelis have changed, in one respect he finds the change much for the better.

Today, they are much more friendly and polite than they were eight years ago. They are more willing to help a stranger; they are "more tourist-minded."

Nevertheless, Dr. Beek believed that prices in this country are extremely high as compared to other countries aiming at a large tourist trade.

Professor Beek's interest in Jewish affairs dates back to the Hitlerian holocaust.

"Before World War II, I was never aware of any difference between Jews and Christians. It took Hitler to make me conscious of this. Today, I believe there is a heavy burden of guilt on Christendom, and this stimulated me to work in Holland for the advancement of Israel."

He added: "I have always been against missionary activities, for in the religious sense Jews have everything the Christians have."

Dr. Beek arrived during the middle of March. His group is leaving early in April, but he will remain for several more weeks, with his focus shifting from Biblical sites to the Hebrew University "of whose new buildings I am frankly jealous, for the University of Amsterdam is housed in old-fashioned buildings."

He expects to send his eldest daughter, a student of theology, to study at the Hebrew University.

TWO GOLD bracelets and a ring, worth IL250, were stolen on Tuesday night from the unlocked flat of a blind woman in Ramle, Ouida Hasua.

Haifa-Based Enterprises Tally Balance Sheet at Year's End

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—With the end of the financial year on Tuesday, the Government firms and enterprises were engaged in drawing up the results of 1958-59.

While it is too early for exact figures, the fiscal picture is fairly clear already for enterprises with headquarters in Haifa.

Fertilizers and Chemicals, owned by the Government and private capital, registered a net profit of IL850,000 in 1957-58, paying a six per cent dividend. The dividend will "not be less" for the year just ended.

Sales of fertilizer increased 10 per cent. During 1957-58 F&C received a IL3.25m. Government subsidy but this was reduced by IL250,000 last year despite the higher output.

The Palestine Electric Corporation, owned almost entirely by the Government, with a few private shareholders, has again improved its balance.

The PEC came out of the red with a 4.5 per cent dividend on ordinary shares for the first time in some years during 1957-58, with a net profit of IL1.5m., of which IL700,000 was paid to the ordinary shareholders.

For 1958-59, it is already clear that both profits and dividends will be appreciably higher. The advance is attributed to lower fuel costs, lower fuel consumption of the newly installed modern generating units, a growing increase of power consumption and growth in the number of consumers.

Haifa Port expects a profit of about IL3m. out of a turnover of roughly IL12m. The previous year the profit had been IL3.2m. Cargo dropped slightly, 1.99m. tons compared to 2.02m. the year before. The volume of export cargoes dropped from 750,000 to 670,000 tons.

Tariffs did not rise and higher handling costs were offset by greater labour efficiency and the introduction of additional modern equipment.

Zim, which is owned by the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut, believes that its 1958-59 handle was somewhat higher than the IL35m. of the previous year, but that profits will be slightly below the IL2m. net of that year as a result of the world shipping slump, which lowered freight charges considerably.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: El Al 102, from Johannesburg, Leopoldville and Kano, 0930; Air France 139, from Teheran, 1430; El Al 306, from N.Y., London and Brussels, 1950; El Al 415, from Munich and Rome, 2000; Alitalia 452, from Rome and Athens, 2215; Olympic Airways 600, from Frankfurt, Zurich and Athens, 2235; Cyprus Air 182, from London, Rome, Istanbul, Ankara and Nicosia, 2350; El Al 426, from Paris and Zurich, 2400; El Al 412, from Vienna and Athens, 0015 (Fri.).

DEPARTURES: El Al 411, to Athens and Vienna, 0700; Swissair 231, to Athens and Zurich, 0700; El Al 425, to Zurich and Paris, 0800; B.E.A. 127, to Athens, Rome and London, 0955; Sabena 538, to Athens, Vienna and Brussels, 1005; T.W.A. 801, to Athens, Rome, Paris and N.Y., 1015; K.L.M. 536, to Rome and Amsterdam, 1215; El Al 207, to Rome, London and N.Y., 1500; Air France 139, to Rome and Paris, 1540.

TEXTILES. — British textile exports last year dropped 16 per cent compared with 1957, and the industry's recovery is still not in sight, the Cotton Board stated in Manchester on Wednesday.

Court Dismisses Shikun Test Case

HAIFA. — A test case which sought to compel the Ministry of Labour to re-assume contracts it had diverted to a company was dismissed Tuesday by Judge M. Etzioni who ruled District Court was not competent to issue a specific performance order against the Government.

The action was started three years ago by Mr. Sasson Ben-Jossef, a tenant of the Shikun Amami housing project at Tel Amal, as a test case for the thousands of tenants in the development.

Mr. Ben-Jossef claimed the Ministry had promised to sign the contracts itself. Instead, he claimed, under pressure and compulsion he had signed a power of attorney to the shikun company and all his rights were vested in the company by the Ministry as a result of his signature.

The Judge ruled the allegations of pressure had not been proven and "when the tenants signed the documents making the apartments over to the shikun company, they knew, or should have known, at least what they were signing. A man's signature is the evidence of his decision."

The Judge said that if the Government had not kept its promise the way was open for an action for compensation and "I have no doubt that had the claimant taken this course and proven the allegation, he would have received full satisfaction."

He added, "I am at a loss to understand what prevented the Ministry from announcing that the contracts would not be signed by the Government."

On the plaintiff's point that no shelters had been constructed, Judge Etzioni declared money should have been found for this purpose and while the Government had ordered all citizens to build shelters, it had excused itself with the argument of no funds.

The Judge awarded IL200 costs to the shikun company but none to the Ministry of Labour because of the behaviour of its representative in the case.

Careful Driver 1958

The Haifa Branch of the National Association for the Prevention of Road Accidents wishes to remind all participants in the competition that their declarations must be handed in by April 5, 1959.

Drivers who have won the competition in the past 4-7 years (consecutively) will take part in a raffle of valuable prizes. These prizes are the contribution of Sonol and Alliance.

The prizes are on display at Schaechter's Dress Shop, 47 Rehov Herzl, Haifa. *(Advt.)*

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

2.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARNON: La Chatte (The Cat)
EDEN: High School Confidential
OR GIL: Around the World in 80 Days, 5, 8.30
ORION: The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad
ORNA: Sing Boy Sing
RON: Camp on Blood Island
SEMADAR: The Witches of Salem
ZION: Northwest Mounted Police
TEL OR: Elsa Frau die Wahe Wes Sie Will
EDISON: Marjorie Morningstar
STUDIO: The Old Man and The Sea

TEL AVIV

2.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: Jarobowsky and the Colonel. 2.30, 7, 9.30.
ARMON DAVID: Opernball
CHEN: Teacher's Pet
EDEN: Love Letter. 2.30, 7, 9.
ESTHER: Tea and Sympathy
GAT: Is Your Honeymoon Really Necessary?
MAXIM: Waterloo Bridge
MIGDALOR: Seven Thunders
MOGRABI: The Guns of Fort Petticoat
OPHIR: The Same Sky Above Us
ORION: The Girl from Sweden
PEER: Gun Glory.
SHDEROTH: The Opposite Sex
TAMAR: La Grande Strada Azzurra
TCHELET: The Last Time I saw Paris.
TEL AVIV: A Streetcar Named Desire
YARON: The Nutcracker
ZAFON: Spring in Paris
ZAMIR: Orders to Kill

HAIFA

2.30, 6.45, 9

PEER: The Two-headed Spy
ARMON: Charmants Garcons
EN DOR: Great Day in the Morning.
ORLY: God's Little Acre
MORIAH: Arsène Lupin, Gentleman Burglar
AMPHITHEATRE: The Inn of the Sixth Happiness. 5.30, 8.30.
ORAH: The Perfect Furlough
ATZMON: The Brothers Karamazov.
ORION: Hot Summer Night
GAL OR: The Sins of Wanda
MAY: Christine

RAMAT GAN

2.45, 7.15, 9.15

RAMAT GAN: Les Jeunes Maris

Japan Retains Ping Pong World Cups

DORTMUND (Reuter). — Japan retained both the Corbillon Cup, the women's team trophy, by beating Korea, 3-2, and the men's team trophy, the Swaythling Cup, by beating European champions, Hungary, 5-1, in the World Table Tennis Championships here Monday night.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

APRIL 1, 1959

Fep. Loan 1952/59	93½
6% Comp. Loan 56/57	72½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser 3	361
2½% Comp. Loan c)	41½
3½% Tavel Dollar	96½
4% Red. Sterling "A" c)	100½
Def. Loan Bonds 4½% f)	100
4½% Def. Bonds f)	104½
6½ Def. Bonds g)	102
6½% Loc. C. Debs. f)	100½
6½% Loc. C. Debs. g)	99½
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	205
6½% Bonds 58/62 f)	105½
ditto g)	114½
Koza Hayesod	
6½% Deb. 58/65 f)	101½
ditto g)	106
6% Deb. 58/63 f)	100½
ditto g)	101½
Igroth 6½% Deb. 58/65	103
Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/64	
Class "A" f)	103½
Class "B" g)	107½
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh. b)	3
Hk. Leumi ord. sh.	160
Bearer Savings Cert. '59	98½
Hk. Leumi Investment	
Ord. sh. "B" reg. d)	363½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	82½
"Kardanch" ord. "B"	83½
8% con. debt. 59/68	82½
"Tera" ord. sh. a)	80½
Pal. Cold. St. (IL10 -) reg.	120
Bizur 4% debs. 56/62 reg.	93½
Nir 5% pref.-sh.	90½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh. d)	80
6½% Debs. 61/63 f)	101½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	87½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh. reg.	55
Meller ord. sh. reg.	1110
Pal.Brewery 8%con.debs. reg.	80
Assis.Bejarano ord."B"sh. rer.	99½
Nesher 6% debs. "A" 55/64	117
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	87
Dead Sea Works	312
Delek ord. sh. "C"	119½
Jordan Exploration Co.	
Ord. "A" sh. reg.	70½
G.U.S. — Rassco Ltd.	
6½ debs. 61/63 (bearer) f	101
Housing Loan, "A" 59/63	
4½% (bearer) f)	101½
Housing Loan, "C" 60/69	
6% reg. c)	101½
(Ulen Ltd.	
6% Debs. 61/64 (bearer) c)	100½

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupon; d) ex-dividend; e) ex-right; f) linked with $; g) linked with C.o.L.; x) in % of IL1,000.

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South African Zionist Federation
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Exhibition of Modern Art in Israel, Artists House, 10-1; 4-6.
Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Special exhibition: New finds from the recent excavations at Jaffa 9-1; 3-6.
• Bezalel National Museum: — 9-1, 2.30-6. Permanent exhibition of Jewish ceremonial art; Paintings by G. Pol. Georghiou (from Cyprus); Paintings by Ernest Neuschul-Nerland (from England); Great artists as book illustrators; Purim exhibition (prints); Archaeological exhibits and examples of primitive sculpture.

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• Exhibitions: — Annual General Exhibition of Israel Artists. Sponsored by the Israel Painters and Sculptors Association. Tel Aviv Museum — Beit Dizengoff, 16 Rothschild Blvd., 10-1; 4-7.
Exhibition of seventeenth century Dutch art, Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum. Closing April 7. 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
• Zoological Gardens: — Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.
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HAIFA
• Tourist Service: — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Offices, 22 Rehov Hehalutz, Tel. 67955.
• Lecture: — Golden Age Club: Mr. John Cheney, Director of Israel Institute of Industrial Design, on: "Plastics"; with films. 2 Wedgwood Ave., Central Carmel, 4.30 p.m. — Guests welcome.
• Exhibitions: — Paintings by Y. Rangour, recently returned from Paris. Continuing: Part of Exhibition of Painters from Haifa and the North. Charell House, 24 U.N.O. Ave., 10-1; 5-8 (except Fridays).
• Theatre: — Habimah: "The Merchant of Venice," Arnon, 9.

KIRYAT HAIM
• Theatre: — Cameri: "Tonight We Improvise," 8.

PETAH TIKVA
• Theatre: — Habimah: "Tuvya the Milkman," 3.30, 8.

HOLON
• Theatre: — Ohel: "Five Finger Exercise," 8.30.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 240 M.
News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.
English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.
6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.
11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Hartmann: Overture "Hakon Jarl"; Saint-Saens: Havanaise; Svendsen: "Carnival in Paris", op. 9; Zandonai: Intermezzo from "Romeo and Juliet"; Massenet: Navarraise; Verdi: Ballet Music from "Otello"; Ponchielli: Dance of the Hours from "Gioconda". 12.00 Oriental Songs. 12.20 Lunchtime Music. 12.45 Housewife's Request Programme. 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.
4.30 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.35 Cello Recital by Heddi Lourie; at the piano: Ruth Mense. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Sports. 6.40 Talmud Lesson. 7.20 Hebrew Songs. 7.35 "At the Knesset." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.50 Bible Reading: Micha, Chaps. 1 & 2. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Programme by Peter Frye with the participation of Y. Turgun. 10.05 "Shining Trumpets" — the Tel Aviv Jazz Club. Excerpts from Jam Session, held in honour of the Club's 3rd birthday. 10.30 Songs and Dances at your Request. 11.10 Close Down.
SECOND PROGRAMME
400, 202.7 & 33.3 M.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Music from Japan. Akiva Yashiru; Symphony. 6.30 Musical bag.
7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Magrabit. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Lalino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.
ARABIC PROGRAMME
467 & 41.97 M.
Arabic Programme (including News): 5.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-3.15 and 5.30-11.15 p.m. Persian 5.15 p.m.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.37 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 6.45 Newsreel. 6.52 Afrikaans Programme.
Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.22 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 10.30 This Month at the Knesset. 10.40 The Week's Portion.
ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 235 & 285 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.33 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 "Bow & Arrow." 7.45 "Worth Listening To." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.50 "Intermezzo." 9.00 News. 9.15 "Pleasant Tunes." 9.30 Excerpts from Operas. 10.15 Light Music. 10.30 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.65, 16.86, 13.92, 13.82 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. The Bible in English Music.
MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00-11.00 p.m. Light Music & Jazz.
CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 476 M.): 7.45 a.m. News. 12.30 B.B.C. Bandstand. 1.30 p.m. News. 4.30 Journey into Space. 7.00 News and Commentary. 7.15 Dave Curry's Irish Band. 10.00 "From A to Z." 10.45 Love Songs & Ballads. 11.00 News.

JERUSALEM / HAIFA

SALE OF TICKETS STARTS TODAY for ONLY APPEARANCES OF
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JERUSALEM: Binyanei Ha'ooma, on April 20, 8.30. Tickets at Cahana's, Jerusalem
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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Further rise in temperatures. Dry mainly inland and over hilly regions.

Weather Synopsis: Warm low over Cyrenaica progressing eastwards.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	10	6	20	20
Tiberias	75	11	27	28
Haifa Port	72	10	19	23
Natanya	67	10	21	22
Tel Aviv Kirya	68	10	21	22
Tel Aviv Port	76	14	18	21
Lydda Airport	56	6	24	26
Jerusalem	15	8	21	22
Beersheba	26	10	25	27
Sdom	—	18	—	28
Eilat	20	15	29	31

*A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Walter Poole, conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, for a series of concerts with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn, (by Air France).

Mr. Michel Moine, of the Luxembourg Radio and Television Services, to prepare a series of programmes on Israel. (by Air France).

Mrs. Berty Halff, President of Wizo in Switzerland, and Mrs. Germaine Bollack, member of the World Wizo Executive, to participate in the forthcoming plenary sessions of the Executive.

DEPARTURES

Prof. Federico Fernandez de Monjardin, Speaker of the Argentine Parliament, for London on his way home, after a week's visit at the invitation of the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Nahum Nir, (by B.E.A.).

Dr. George Wise, Chairman of the Friends of the Hebrew University in Mexico, (by Air France).

Lt.-Col. T. Barrington, head of the Burmese Army border settlement project, after visiting Burmese soldiers training in various settlements, (by Air France).

Archbishop Jachim and Bishop Streitt of Austria, with a 16-member group, after a visit of four days.

Mr. Ya'acov Khasma, deputy director of Dar el Isa'a el Israelia, Israel's Arabic radio station, for London to attend a three-month special training course of the B.B.C. under the auspices of the British Council.

TWO FOOTBALL pool managers, Shaul and Nissim Katzen, suspected of having defrauded the public, were remanded for seven days by Magistrate Y. Treivish in Tel Aviv on Wednesday.

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CURRENCY in circulation fell by IL5,728,961 during the week ending Tuesday to stand at IL274,974,743, the Bank of Israel announced on Wednesday. Gold reserves increased by 1,208; foreign currency reserves fell by IL355,169; Treasury bills and Government promissory notes fell by IL5,375,000.

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A NEW FLIGHT to Brussels by Britannia was inaugurated on Wednesday by El Al. The flight will go on to New York via London.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy with replacements and supplies went up to Mount Scopus on Wednesday.

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ONE HOUR after he had stolen a *hanukkia* worth IL45 from a synagogue in Jaffa, a 12-year-old boy regretted his act and sent back the object with some of his friends. When caught by police, the boys named the culprit, who was detained and later released on bond.

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A RESIDENT of an immigrant housing project near Jerusalem, Reuven Brachani, on Wednesday was sentenced to three months imprisonment for "privately" connecting his flat to the electric grid by way of his neighbour's flat.

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THE CEREMONY of fixing the *mezuza* on the new building of the Shchunat Shapiro sports club and youth centre on March 26 was performed by the President of the Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Yafo, Mr. Percy N. Manham, and not as previously reported.

CYCLIST BADLY HURT

RAMLE. — A cyclist, Yerahmiel Khursh, 50, was injured severely when he was hit by a truck in Rishon leZion on Wednesday. He was taken to Assaf Harofe Hospital.

Rising Health Needs Require IL 4.5m. More for New Budget

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The health needs of the immigrants expected to arrive this year will require an estimated additional budget of IL4.5m., Health Minister Israel Barzilai told the Knesset Wednesday, when he opened the debate on his Ministry's budget.

He said there was no reason to fear that the arrival of a good many physicians among the new immigrants would have an adverse effect on the opportunities of new graduates of the Medical School.

The great majority of Polish immigrant physicians had been absorbed, and 70 of the 180 physicians among the more recent immigrants were already working. An interministerial committee had prepared a plan, based in part on physicians with full-time jobs giving up extra employment.

Coordination Needed

In many fields, authority was divided among several Ministries and responsibility was not defined clearly, Mr. Barzilai said. Thus nutrition problems were dealt with by the Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Commerce, Education and Finance.

Occasionally, contradictory regulations were issued by different ministries on the same subject. There was no coordination of food production, its quality and its cleanliness.

One single authority would be not only more effective but also more economical. As a result of interministerial discussions, the Ministry of Commerce agreed to transfer control of food quality to the Ministry of Health.

Mr. Barzilai said there was a tendency on the part of public health institutions to drop certain vital phases of medicine and transfer them to the Ministry. Hadassah had transferred all its mother-and-child stations, the Safad Hospital, and was about to leave Beersheba.

Malben was gradually transferring the responsibility for hospitalization of tuberculosis patients to the Ministry. Kupat Holim had announced its desire to transfer its tuberculosis preventive services.

The Ministry was willing to accept responsibility for preventive medicine and for the treatment of diseases of a social nature, he said. The problem was how to plan their transfer and guarantee their development for the benefit of the entire population, he added.

Arabs' Health

The aim of health services for Arab citizens was to bring these up to the level of the services for the Jewish population. Infant mortality among the Arabs had been almost halved since the State was founded — from 100 per 1,000 live births to 61.3.

There was a shortage of medical personnel among the minorities, but their number was on the increase.

Sick Funds May Retain Autonomy

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Government believes that the autonomy of the existing sick funds must be preserved in any national health insurance scheme, Labour Minister Mordechai Namir said in the Knesset yesterday.

Replying to the debate on his Ministry's budget, Mr. Namir added that the Government had not yet taken a stand on whether health insurance should be instituted in one stage or in two.

Speaking for himself, he was not at all certain that the majority view in the Kanev Committee (which favoured two stages) should be adopted. This was hardly a matter of principle but of the means available. In any case, Mr. Namir thought that discussion of the whole question was premature at this time.

Mr. Yohanan Cohen (Prog.) said in the debate that the programme of the Kanev Committee would in effect continue the existing state of affairs. Some 80 per cent of the population already belonged to sick funds, and the committee was not proposing to include any more in the first stage. He asked why it should be necessary for a citizen to belong to some political, sport, or other organization in order to be able to get health insurance.

The health insurance question was also raised in the debate on the Health Ministry's budget. Here Dr. Shimshon Junitchman (Herut) charged that Kupat Holim was the only element preventing universal health insurance. He quoted Mr. Namir as having said, when he was the Histadrut Secretary-General, "We'll never give up Kupat Holim; Labour in Britain lost because it didn't have a sick fund."

Dr. Benzion Harel (General Zionist) said that health insurance should be administered by a single national body. Only the Kupat Holim of the Histadrut would be able to survive under the Kanev plan, he charged.

The retention of the sick funds under a compulsory health insurance scheme was favoured by Mrs. Debora Netser (Mapai), Mr. Frija Zuares (National Religious), and Mrs. Ruth Hektin (Ahdut).

Health Minister Israel Barzilai, in his reply, refused to be drawn into the discussion. The proper time for that, he said, would be when the Government tabled a bill in the Knesset.

Israel Management Takes Over Refineries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Refineries came under Israel management on Wednesday, and the tenure of formal office by the British staff ended after over 20 years.

Mr. Avigdor Bartell, the new manager, took over from Mr. E. Cox, and appointed Mr. Meir Giron his deputy.

Mr. Giron was formerly financial manager of the Koor Co. and left the concern as a result of its reorganization by the Histadrut Executive.

The owner of the refineries is now the Pazit Company, in which the Government is reported to have a majority interest.

Police Beat System Starts in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "beat" system went into effect in Jerusalem on Wednesday. Several days, or perhaps weeks, are expected to be needed until the kinks are ironed out.

Policemen on beats are recognizable by their white sleeves.

Rosolio to Resign As Civil Service Chief

Mr. David Rosolio, the Civil Service Commissioner, has confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* that he will resign his post in the near future. He declined to elaborate on the date of his resignation and his plans for the future or to give the name of his successor.

Mr. Rosolio was appointed to his present post in 1954, having previously served as assistant to the State Controller. Before entering Government service, Mr. Rosolio had a private accounting office. He has also been the "Ha'aretz" music critic for many years.

Controller's Report

In yesterday's account of the Controller's report for 1957/58, a portion was garbled. It should have read:

The Controller stated that the Ministry of Defence in one case asked that a war invalid with a 67 per cent disability rating be allowed to purchase a car from a tourist. The request was rejected and the tourist was asked to take the car out of the country. A month later, the vehicle was sold to a senior Jewish Agency official. No reason was given in either instance. In two other cases, cars were sold without tenders to Government officials who bought them under terms more favourable than could be obtained through sale by tender.

Overseas Broadcasts Merged

By SHALOM COHEN,
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's overseas broadcasts were streamlined on Wednesday when Kol Zion Lagola merged with Kol Yisrael. Under a three-year contract, Kol Yisrael took over the staff of the Jewish Agency's station which was reduced from 25 to 15.

The merger is expected to save from IL150,000 to IL 200,000 a year by eliminating duplication and increasing efficiency.

The same broadcasts will now be aimed at both the diaspora and the general public abroad. Hitherto, Kol Yisrael beamed news broadcasts to the general public of the respective countries, while Kol Zion Lagola broadcast news and features to the diaspora.

Emphasis on M.E.

It is understood that the new overseas programmes will give more emphasis to Middle East affairs. The new programmes will begin on April 19, with the commencement of Kol Yisrael's home summer schedule.

An example of the new service expected from the merger is that Kol Yisrael will no longer utilize its programmes for Hungarian and Rumanian immigrants in Israel for short wave beaming to East Europe.

The make-up of these programmes proved unsuitable for both purposes.

It is hoped to restore the 15-minute cut in English and French language broadcasts made by Kol Zion Lagola last year for budgetary reasons.

The merged overseas service will increase foreign broadcasts to seven languages.

But it will take at least a year before there are broadcasts to North and South America. The 100-kilowatt short wave transmitter ordered and financed by the Jewish Agency, unlike the present 50-kilowatt one, is able to reach the Americas. Delivery awaits the construction of a building to house it. The new transmitter will probably be in operation some time next year.

One Hebrew Newscast

A single overseas Hebrew news broadcast will be relayed instead of the previous two, within 90 minutes of each other by Kol Yisrael and Kol Zion Lagola.

Under the merger agreement, the Jewish Agency has the option of revoking the pact after the first year, which will serve as trial period. Policy for overseas programmes will be determined by two joint advisory committees of the Jewish Agency, Kol Yisrael, and the Foreign Ministry. Chairman of the committee for the Western Division will be Mr. Avraham Harman, of the Jewish Agency Executive.

The Jewish Agency will pay Kol Yisrael an annual sum of close to IL500,000 at the end of the trial year. Kol Yisrael would purchase Kol Zion Lagola's existing assets.

Accord Near On Labour Contracts

Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The 1959/60 collective labour contracts between the Histadrut and employers are expected to be renewed by the end of next week, *The Jerusalem Post* learned here on Wednesday.

The crucial meeting between the Metal Section of the Manufacturers Association, its Labour Department and the union ended with a fair measure of success, it was learned. A further, and probably final, meeting will be held next Wednesday.

As a result of the progress in the metal industry negotiations, other industries will now move towards a settlement in their talks. This refers especially to the food, textiles, and building industries, where the margin of disagreement over the rate of increases in fringe benefits is understood to be diminishing.

In Wednesday's metal industry talks, the union agreed in principle to the employers' proposal that the various fringe benefits be "consolidated," but demanded a 4 per cent rise as against the 3 per cent offered by the industrialists. The latter explained that they were prepared to offer either payment of the "frozen third" over the coming two years, besides certain improvements in family allowances, or the "consolidation." Similarly, the employers agreed to pay a higher vacation allowance apart from their offer of the 3 per cent rise.

Following the union's acceptance in principle of the Metal Section's offer at Wednesday's meeting, the Association's Labour Department will meet today (Thursday) to consider the meeting's outcome.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

TEL AVIV. — Discontinuation of the family allowance payments by employers to individual workers, and their replacement by an equalization fund run by the National Insurance Institute, was predicted by the Head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, Mr. A. Becker, in a meeting with Mapai key men.

Mr. Becker said now that this question had been raised by the Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. P. Lavon, at Elnat, Mapai would definitely incorporate the proposal in its election platform and work out details together with the Government.

At present, 80 per cent of all those employed receive family allowances, the remaining 20 per cent — who work mainly in building trades, on relief projects and as seasonal farm labourers — do not enjoy this benefit. The Histadrut leadership has studied ways to solve this basic inequality, which is all the more glaring as the 20 per cent comprises workers with large families, many of whom reside in development areas.

Even those who do receive the allowance do so on the basis of an unequal ratio under which productive workers often receive smaller benefits than those employed in services.

Mapai, as the majority party in the Histadrut, has decided to introduce, in coordination with the Government, a system whereby all workers with families will receive the same level of benefit.

Visit Convinces Burmese Editor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — U Maung Maung Kuin, chief editor of the "Candid" daily in Rangoon, said that only after his short visit to Israel did he become convinced that the glowing references to this country in the report of U Nu, former Prime Minister of Burma, were true.

He was speaking at a dinner held in honour of the visiting Burmese newsman by the Histadrut Central Committee at Beit Lissin on Wednesday. He and his colleague, U Mya Than, chief editor of "Bahosi" daily, Mandalay, were greeted by Mr. R. Barkatt, head of the Political Department of the Histadrut, and Mr. D. Pines, Chairman of the Journalists Association.

The Burmese Charge d'Affaires, U Tin Maung Gyi, was among those present.

Increased National Insurance Benefits Go into Effect

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Raises in maternity benefits and work accident compensation went into effect on Wednesday. Particulars of these changes, and others, were given at a press conference in Jerusalem on Wednesday, on the fifth anniversary of the founding of the National Insurance Institute.

The press was addressed by Giora Lotan, Director General of the Institute; Mr. Avraham Rimon, Director of the branch of Old Age Pensions and Survivors Benefits; Mr. Reuven Volkov, Deputy Director General of the Institute; and Mrs. Hanna Hardeuf, Director of Maternity Insurance.

Women giving birth will now receive a birth grant of IL90. Of this, IL60 will be paid to the hospital and IL30 will be given to the mother to help pay for a layette. Formerly the grant was IL80.

Working mothers, who are forced to interrupt their work due to confinement, will now receive up to IL 52.500 a week for a period of six to 12 weeks. Formerly the sum was IL43.750 a week.

Persons injured at work will receive up to IL7.500 a day. Formerly it was IL 6.250.

Increased Base

However, the base upon which insurance premiums are paid has been increased from IL300 a month to IL 360. Workers will have 1.4 per cent of this sum deducted from their monthly wages, while employers will contribute another 2.9 per cent of this sum.

In an overall review of five years of work, Dr. Lotan noted that the Institute had collected IL227m. and had paid out in various forms IL100m. to 483,000 beneficiaries.

Administrative expenses accounted for five per cent of total income. Since 700,000 breadwinners are insured in the Institute, they and their families constitute almost 96 per cent of the entire Jewish population. The percentage for the remainder of the population is lower.

Mr. Rimon noted a survey showed that 65 per cent of all persons receiving old age pensions were formerly dependent for their support, in all or in part, upon their families or public welfare institutions.

40,000 Pensioners

About 40,000 persons are receiving such pensions now. Of this number, about eight per cent were still working part-time. This was permitted by the Institute, which paid them their full pensions.

About 11,000 Israelis were expected to die during the 1959-60 fiscal year, he said, adding that the Institute had budgeted IL350,000 for burial expenses.

Mr. Volkov noted that in the past five years 171,000 persons had filed work disability claims with the Institute. During the past fiscal year there were an estimated 42,000 work accidents among hired workers and 4,000 among self-employed.

It was noted that the Institute was studying methods of changing its present regulation whereby a person who was six months in arrears with payments loses all benefits.

The Institute believed that a person in arrears up to six months should receive full benefits; up to 12 months in arrears, only 75 per cent of the benefits; up to 18 months, 50 per cent; and above 18 months, nothing.

Plant Owners Held As Arson Suspects

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Two owners of a textile plant in Petah Tikva were remanded on Wednesday by Magistrate A. Graf on suspicion of having set fire to goods in their own plant.

The two men, Avraham Jungwr, of Petah Tikva, and his partner, Yehuda Fischer, of Ramat Gan, were arrested after police investigators recalled a similar fire in the plant eight months ago. They also learned that the firm's stock was insured with two companies.

The fire caused damage to rolls of finished cloth valued at IL7,500. The building and equipment were not damaged.

Salomon Murder Case Suspects Denied Bail

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv District Court on Wednesday turned down the request of Zion, Pinhas and Rahel Salomon to be released on bail. The three are being held in connection with the murder of Zion's wife, Avigail, in Kibbutz Givat Brenner on the night of January 6.

The Relieving President of the Court, Judge M. Kennet, rejected the request in order to give the police additional time to wind up their investigation. Counsel for the three suspects was granted permission to cross-examine the Chief of the C.I.D., Pakad M. Sela, *in camera*.

President Invests Three Magistrates

The President on Wednesday swore in three new Magistrates, Messrs. Avraham Malul, Aharon Haibi, and Aharon Melamed. The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, was present at the ceremony.

Magistrate Malul will take up his duties in Acre, Magistrate Haibi in Ashkelon, and Magistrate Melamed in Haifa and the Northern District.

Knesset Voters List on Display

The Register of Voters for the Fourth Knesset went on display throughout the country on Wednesday, the Ministry of Interior announced in Jerusalem.

The Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, visited several of the places in the capital where the booklets are being shown.

The Ministry spokesman said that any requests or appeals in connection with incorrect listings or names not included in the register must be made with the Registration Office.

'Agent' Gets 2 Years In Book Swindle

HAIFA. — For swindling several persons in Haifa of IL400 by posing as a sales agent of the Massadah Publishing House last June, Avraham Roja, of Moshav Zahal, near Nahariya, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the Relieving President of the District Court on Wednesday.

Ministries Check On Overtime Pay

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Finance has suspended payments for overtime to government employees, and the Minister of Finance has instructed all Ministries to review the lists of their employees eligible for overtime pay. This was announced on Wednesday by the Finance Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem.

It is understood that following the Government's agreement to grant overtime pay, the lists prepared by the Ministries included many more employees than originally estimated by the Civil Service Commission. The first instalment of overtime pay (which was granted retroactively from April 1, 1958) was paid during March, with the second instalment due in April.

The spokesman said that the review of the lists was being undertaken to disprove allegations that overtime pay was in effect a disguised form of salary increases for civil servants. He added that rumours have been circulating suggesting certain Ministries had included in the lists officials who either never worked overtime or else worked much less than was indicated.

In his letter to all Ministers calling for a review of the lists, Mr. Eshkol stated that the rumours are unfounded, but at the same time he said the check should assure that the procedure for overtime pay as decided by the Civil Service Commission is being observed.

Donation to Expand Ir Ganim Suburb

A donation of $150,000 from Mr. Charles Bressler, of Chicago, to the Jewish National Fund has enabled the organization to purchase a 500-dunam tract, which will be used to enlarge the Ir Ganim suburb in southwest Jerusalem.

Midnight Trains For Tel Aviv-Haifa Run

TEL AVIV. — Two midnight trains between Tel Aviv and Haifa will be added to the railroad schedule on Saturday nights for a trial period of three months as of May 2, the spokesman of the Railways management revealed on Wednesday.

A train will leave from Tel Aviv to Haifa at 12.30 a.m. on Saturday night and from Haifa to Tel Aviv at midnight. The trip will take 75 minutes.

Other additions to the schedule to come into effect on the above date include an additional train on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv line in both directions bringing the number of daily trains on this line to six; and the cutting of travel time on the Beersheba-Tel Aviv run from two and one-quarter hours to one hour and 37 minutes.

The spokesman also revealed that efforts were being made to insure bus connections between the Arlosoroff station and the Beit Hadar station in Tel Aviv.

Suspect Held In UNEF Theft Bid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police have detained a 23-year-old Tel Avivian in connection with the attempt to break into the U.N.E.F. offices in the Kirya here Monday night.

The police spokesman disclosed that it was an attempt at theft.

Major John Simmons of Australia, the U.N.E.F. liaison officer, told *The Jerusalem Post* that nothing had been stolen from his office. He arrived at the premises at 12.35 a.m. intending to telephone to Gaza, and found two pairs of shoes outside the door. On entering he saw two persons inside, but they fled through the window, one making for a car parked outside in which two other men were waiting.

Major Simmons telephoned to the police and gave the number of the car, a 1956 Chevrolet. Police arrived within three minutes.

Israel-Ghana Firm To Build Party HQ

ACCRA (INA). — The joint Ghanaian-Israel enterprise, the Ghana National Construction Co., has been awarded a £280,000 contract to build the national headquarters of Premier Nkrumah's Peoples Convention Party.

It is a four-storey building with a specially furnished office for the Premier.

Elath Returns To London Post

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The Israel Ambassador to the U.K. and Mrs. Eliahu Elath left by air for London on Wednesday after a short visit during which Mr. Elath held consultations with various Government offices. The Ambassador told reporters that most of his activities were now concentrated in the economic field.

Cables in Brief

RADIO-ACTIVE. — The Monte Bello Islands, site of Britain's first nuclear test more than three years ago, and only 90 miles off the north-west coast of Australia, are still dangerously radio-active, a Royal Australian Navy spokesman announced on Wednesday.

SMOKES. — Cigarette output in the U.S. rose by six per cent in 1958 to 479,000m., and U.S. residents smoked at the record rate of 185 packets of 20 cigarettes a year for every person over 18, according to the Department of Agriculture.

UNESCO Invites Shahar to Serve

Mr. Benaiel Shahar, Secretary of the Histadrut Centre for Education and Culture, has been invited by UNESCO to serve as an expert consultant on the advisory committee preparing the forthcoming International Conference on Adult Education. The Conference will be held in 1960. The invitation was received from the new Secretary-General of UNESCO, Dr. Vittorino Veronese.

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Voters' Registration Law for Knesset Elections, 1959

Registration in the Voters' List for the Registration Year 1959/60

NOTICE

in the matter of TIME AND PLACE FOR THE LODGING OF PETITIONS AND APPEALS.

1. **In accordance with the stipulations contained in the Voters' Registration Law for Knesset Elections, (Lodging of Petitions and Appeals), 1959, —**

petitions and appeals regarding the Knesset Voters' Register may be submitted to the Minister of the Interior only via Population Registration offices.

Petitions or appeals should be filed with the Population Registration office of the district in which the petitioner or appellant resides, or at the branch office of the same Population Registration office, in accordance with the area of residence of the petitioner or appellant.

2. **The following is the list of Population Registration offices for the Knesset Voters' Registration Year, 1959/60 : —**

JERUSALEM DISTRICT
Jerusalem : Generali Building, Entrance A, Jaffa Road.

NORTHERN DISTRICT
Nazareth : Muscovia Building.
Afula : 4 Rehov Haknesset, opp. the water tower.
Acre : Police Building.
Safad : Government House.
Tiberias : Rehov Nazareth, opp. the Municipality.

HAIFA DISTRICT
Haifa : Government House, Rehov Hassan Shoukry.
Hadera : Beit Kornstock, Rehov Hanassi.

TEL AVIV DISTRICT
Tel Aviv : 138-140 Allenby Road.

CENTRAL DISTRICT
Ramle : 46 Sderot Herzl.
Petah Tikva : 8 Rehov Montefiora.
Rehovot : 24 Rehov Benjamin.
Natanya : Egged Building, 36 Rehov Herzl.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT
Beersheba : Kiryat Hamisradim.
Ashkelon : 4 Rehov Hasheked.

3. **The following is a list of branch offices for the same Registration Year : —**

JERUSALEM DISTRICT
Beit Shemesh : Local Council Building.

NORTHERN DISTRICT
Beit Sh'an : Local Beit Hatarbut.
Kiryat Shmonah : Local Council Building.
Nahariya : Beit Adler.
Shfar Am : Municipality Building.
Migdal Ha'emek : Local Council Building.

HAIFA DISTRICT
Kiryat Motzkin : Local Council Building.
Kfar Ata : Local Council Building.
Tirat Hacarmel : Local Council Building.
Kiryat Tivon : 59 Rehov Alonim.
Pardess Hanna : Local Council Building, Rehov Haharuvim.
Zikhron Yaacov : Local Council Building.

TEL AVIV DISTRICT
Tel Aviv North : 9 Rehov Habashan (near former Kastel Hotel).
Hatikva Quarter : 34 Rehov Hahagana (Cinema Building), Hatikva Quarter.
Yaffo : 35 Rehov Yehuda Hayamit.
Ramat Gan : 10 Rehov Haroeh.
Bnei Brak : 8 Rehov Weizmann (Fire Brigade Building).
Holon : Rehov Weizmann, opp. the Municipality.
Hadar Yosef : Tsarchania Building, Yad Hama'avir.
Kiryat Ono : Local Council Building.
Herzliya : near Tiferet Cinema.
Bat Yam : Rehov Balfour, corner Kikar Balfour.
Ramat Hasharon : Local Council Building.
Or Yehuda : Local Council Building.
Azor : Local Council Building.

CENTRAL DISTRICT
Lod : 11 Rehov Aleph.
Beer Yaacov : Local Council Building.
Beit Dagon : Local Council Building.
Mahane Israel : Local Council Building.
Hoter : Local Council Building.
Kfar Saba : Local Council Building.
Ra'anana : 2 Rehov Ahuza.
Magdiel : Beit Zakif.
Hadar Ramatayim : Rehov Habinyan.
Rosh Ha'ayin : Local Council Building.
Yahood : Local Council Building.
Jaljoulia : Local Council Building.
Kafr Kasem : Local Council Building.
Rishon Lezion : Cinema Building, Rehov Zatzal.
Nes Ziona : Local Council Building.
Gedera : Local Council Building.
Ashdod : Beit Hatarbut.
Even Yehuda : Local Council Building.
Kfar Yonah : Local Council Building.
Tira : Local Council Building.
Taibeh : Local Council Building.
Kalansuya : Local Council Building.
Kadima : Local Council Building.
Kfar Vitkin : Local Council Building.
Tel Mond : Local Council Building.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT
Ofakim : Offices of the Jewish Agency.
Kiryat Gat : Shikunei Harakevet 376/4 near Bank Leumi.
Sderot : Offices of the Jewish Agency.
Kiryat Malachi : Local Council Building (Hamerkaz).
Eilat : Local Council Building.

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ISRAEL BAR YEHUDA
Minister of the Interior

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THE meeting of the Arab League's Political Committee, which takes place in the Lebanese capital today, seems doomed to failure from the start. Its declared aim, which is to bridge the gap between Cairo and Baghdad, cannot be achieved by the time-honoured methods of mediation or "good offices" to which the League is accustomed: the differences between the Iraqi Republic and the U.A.R. go deeper and are more basic than those that existed between the two countries during Nuri e-Said's regime. This in itself is more important than the fact that, apart from Iraq, at least two other League members, Tunisia and Jordan, have declined to attend the meeting.

RUMP MEETING

However, with Iraq refusing to attend today's parley, the Political Committee will not have an opportunity to listen to Baghdad's argument — a fact which may help the Egyptians in putting their own point across. This only goes to show how indifferent Baghdad feels about the whole matter. As a matter of fact, if one is to believe the evidence submitted at the trial of the four pilots accused of taking part in the Shawwaf conspiracy last month, the intervention of the U.A.R. authorities in the Mosu' revolt and its preparation cannot be denied. Baghdad's stand seems to be that it is no use talking with the Egyptians.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of today's meeting is that it is taking place in Beirut. For years now, all the League's conferences have been held in Cairo — which was more than a symbol of the latter's almost exclusive domination of the League. The Lebanese authorities are now trying to return to the scene as the traditional middle-men of the Arab world. It is reported even, that basic changes are to be introduced into the structure of the League and that its headquarters may be moved to Beirut. The Secretary-General, Abdul Khalek Hassouna, may himself resign to give way to a non-Egyptian to fill the post so long occupied by Egyptians.

But whether these reports are true or not, they show to what extent Cairo's position in the Arab world has changed since the coup in Iraq last July, there is no doubt now that the Iraqis want to snatch this Arab leadership from the Egyptians whose prerogative it has been for some years. They are already claiming that they intend to "free" the Arab world from what they term Nasser's dictatorship, and there is more than a hint that they have their eyes on Syria, which has always been considered within Iraq's sphere of interest.

That this constitutes the most formidable challenge that Nasser has so far had to face is obvious. The new Iraqi regime, unlike its predecessor, has been trying to present an alternative to Nasser's movement of Arab unity. Baghdad's contention is that as long as the present disparity prevails between the Arab countries, in the political, economic and cultural spheres, talk about Arab Union is useless. According to this theory, what the Arabs need now is to raise their standard of living and education and try to bridge the gap between their various countries before they can discuss union.

However that may be, the present rift between Baghdad and Cairo is in no one's interest. It is difficult to formulate a clear opinion, but the feeling prevails that were Nasser to be a little less in a hurry about his plans for Arab Union, inter-Arab relations would not have reached this impasse.

KING MOHAMMED V TO VISIT BOURGUIBA

RABAT (Reuter). — King Mohammed V of Morocco has accepted an invitation to make an official visit to President Bourguiba of Tunisia, usually reliable sources said here on Wednesday. No date has yet been set for the visit.

The American Scene: Setting the Conference Table

U.S. Accent on Military Power

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (OFNS). — In conscious preparation for negotiation with the Russians, the Americans are once again emphasizing the size and scope of their military power. Each side will bring to the diplomatic table a vast offensive and retaliatory power. In the coming battle of wits the side with the biggest guns at its disposal talks with an overwhelming advantage.

In a way that can only have been planned, defence officials and high officers are insisting that despite all the talk of Russian scientific advances, of her huge land forces and of her missiles and bombs, the U.S. still retains an absolutely decisive superiority. That Russia also should believe this, will, they say, lead to a reasonable settlement at the conference table.

Little has been heard of this superiority lately. In Congressional debate, Democratic politicians have been decrying the preparedness and the techniques and the size of the U.S. forces. Before Congressional committees, the high officers have been depressingly frank in their efforts to secure higher appropriations for their branch of the services and for their pet projects.

'Destroy Aggressor'

Now General Curtis Le May has said that there was "no question but that U.S. forces today could destroy completely and effectively the war-making capacity of any nation attempting aggression on the free world." Admiral Arleigh Burke, Naval Chief of staff: "The Soviets know that the U.S. has the ability, right now, to destroy the Soviet Union." General Nathan Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: "They (the Soviets) have an immense periphery to take care of in defence, much more difficult than ours. We can hit them from any direction." And the Secretary of Defence, Neil McElroy, has said that U.S. experts feel that Russia does not have any operational inter-continental missiles at this time.

This military confidence is based on the conviction that any important war, whether on Berlin or any other issue, will be fought on American terms. This is to say, the full horror of nuclear weapons will be used to offset the Russian superiority in conventional weapons and manpower. They believe that even a surprise blow by the Russians will not destroy the American power to retaliate. And, once alerted, America has the power to saturate Russia with aircraft-borne bombs in a manner that Russia cannot match. Neither side has yet developed in significant numbers dependable and accurate inter-continental missiles.

America has 2,000 bombers in its Strategic Air Command. A third of these are at 15 minutes' notice for action. Five hundred of these are 1,000 kph B-52s with a range of 10,000 kms. They are now developing the B-58 bomber, which will fly at twice the speed of sound. Neither the numbers, nor the weight, nor the technical equipment can be matched by the Russians.

The U.S. Navy is still superior with 15 attack aircraft carriers and none for the Russians. The Russians have 430 submarines against America's 113. But Russia has, as yet, no atomic submarines (three are under construction) and has none that can fire a Polaris-type missile from sea to land — of these America will have several fully operational next year.

These sudden warlike noises coming from all over America have a thoroughly peaceful intention. In the hurly-burly of special pleading and service loyalties that are American military politics, the truth grows obscure. In restoring some perspective to the facts, the speakers are trying to abate the dangers inherent in Russian over-confidence and to see that the realities are there at the conference table.

Dry in Oklahoma

THE midwest State of Oklahoma is one of the two States (the other being Mississippi) that still maintain the "noble experiment" which is total prohibition. Beer with a 3.2 per cent alcoholic content is the only legal alcoholic drink.

In spite of this, 10,000 drunks were arrested in Oklahoma City last year and there are three hospitals for alcoholics. Bootleggers supply enormous quantities of liquor. The more efficient can make $50,000 a year. Their crime is "socially acceptable" and some 14,000 are estimated as engaged in the trade.

The "experiment" is now 51-year-old. A referendum, on April 7, will be the sixth attempt to change the law. Just now there is an unprecedented attempt to stop the illegal operations of the liquor salesmen. Arrests, fines, raids, road blocks, *agents provocateurs* are all being used to stop the traffic. The aim of the police is not, however, to prevent liquor sales, but to influence the electorate to go to the polls and vote themselves "wet."

Up to now the opposition to liquor has always succeeded. But it is a most curious opposition. This is a fundamentalist, bible-quoting, primitive Protestant sort of State. Restaurants tend to print texts at the top of their menus. Church groups and the 25,000-strong Women's Christian Temperance Union, devout farmers and ministers are naturally opposed. So are the bootleggers and so are most of the drinkers.

No Bars

Under prohibition, those who like Bourbon or Martinis have been able to get all they want, free of tax, of good quality, delivered any hour of the day or night, every day of the year. Under the proposed new rule there will be privately-owned liquor stores open at limited times, and no cocktail bars. They would also have to pay a heavy State tax on their drinks. It is said: "The people of Oklahoma will vote dry as long as they can stagger to the polls."

But the more responsible citizens are disgusted with the hypocrisy, the spreading corruption, the demoralized police force and the air of organized crime that goes with prohibition. The Governor, a 33-year-old wonder boy, carrot-haired, sandpaper-voiced and ambitious, called J. Howard Edmondson, has declared war on the illicit trade. Already the price of bootleg Bourbon has risen to three times its normal under his persecution. The drinkers at least are beginning to think again. The stuff is also becoming hard to get.

There are sound fiscal reasons for a change. Washington in the Northwest gets a revenue of $25.6m. a year from its State-run liquor stores. Nearby Kentucky gets $3.6m. a year from its private stores. And Oklahoma is having difficulty in making itself pay. The "Drys" have been running a campaign in which all their adherents kneel and pray once a day for five minutes at the same time for their cause. The "Wets" — and the Governor in an occasional glass-of-beer man only — have faced the discordant opposition with a difficult choice. The betting is that the "wets" will squeak through and that the great empty State of Oklahoma will be able to drink again, but at greater expense and less convenience.

SHAN'T PLAY ANY MORE!

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Yeruham Needs More Settlers

By ILANA DAVID

BUSTLING Beersheba rolled away behind us as we crawled up the twisted mountain road leading to Kfar Yeruham, 35 kilometres beyond the Negev's capital. Rounded, sand-brown hills unfolded on either side of the road. Here and there the monotony was broken by a small wadi where a patch of scrub had struggled up after the recent rains. A flock of silky, black-haired goats rocked about in search of sparse blades of grass. On a hilltop straggling camels appeared, followed by two black-robed Beduin women. Then again there was nothing but the rolling desert, until eventually we rounded a hill to see the cluster of Negev stone houses which constitute Kfar Yeruham.

Five hundred metres above sea level, the townlet looked down upon a vista of awesome loneliness. The day before a busload of new immigrants had travelled the same road. "Only half an hour from Beersheba — capital of the Negev; only three hours from Tel Aviv," they had been told by Agency officials. Of the carload of ten families, only two had been prepared to get off the bus and give it a try. The others had thrown up their hands in despair. "Finis-terre," one exclaimed. Another mumbled, "Sand steppes!" Still another refused to be convinced by local officials that Kfar Yeruham was more than 50 kilometres from the border.

Haim, the young *sabra* secretary of the Local Council, says, "We divide immigrants into three groups... those who refuse to come to Kfar Yeruham, those who have one look and run away, and those who after one look decide to stay on." "Those who remain are fine," adds Haim.

Rumanian Nucleus

The town was established in 1950 by a nucleus of 30 Rumanian immigrant families. Today it numbers hundreds of families — one-third Rumanian, one-third Moroccan, the rest hailing from Persia, India and Egypt. The active Local Council is ambitious. "We must double our population within 12 months," says Michael Haberman, a veteran settler who informed us that he was the first to pitch his tent on this lonely hilltop nine years back.

"Send us more immigrants!" is the constant plea of the local representatives. According to Agency plans 65 families are to be directed to Kfar Yeruham in the next few weeks and 100 houses will be completed by the end of April to receive them. However, the local committee maintains that its prospective citizens must be prepared for the bleak appearance of a development town. It is not enough, they say, to put the immigrants on a bus and hope for the best. Every time someone refuses to get off the bus, the local residents are demoralized. After consultation with the Agency, Kfar Yeruham decided to send its own *shaliah* — veteran Michael Haberman — to the airport to meet the immigrant transports.

"What did Haberman tell the newcomers?" — "I spoke to them plainly," he replied. "'Look,' I told them, 'Kfar Yeruham is far, very far in fact from the big towns. We have no cinemas and no cafés. But there is work and a future for everyone with a pair of working hands. We need you. If you don't come we'll never achieve anything.'"

Diamond Workers

We spoke to some of the immigrants who answered Haberman's call. Yitzhak S. has been in Israel — and in Kfar Yeruham — three weeks. He immediately found work in the local diamond polishing project. Thirty immigrants are employed in diamond polishing. Yitzhak, once a tailor, is learning a new trade. While learning, he receives IL5 a day. After four months he hopes to be a qualified diamond polisher; then he will most probably reach a monthly income of nearly IL300. Yitzhak has a brother in Safad and a sister in Jerusalem. However, unlike most of today's immigrants who spend their first few weeks circling Israel, Yitzhak says his family must come to Kfar Yeruham to visit him — he can't afford to lose a day's work in visiting them.

Kfar Yeruham's wage-earners are employed on the spot in industrial projects — a workshop for the making of bandages, a ceramics factory, the diamond polishing enterprise — in building, and in public works such as tree planting — every new house has a small fruit orchard planted before the new owner arrives. The potash and phosphate works and the archaeological restorations at Shivta absorb the rest of Kfar Yeruham's wage-earners. Even relief work here, explains the secretary of the labour exchange, provides every worker with a full month's employment as compared with 12 days a month in most of the country.

Together with such development areas as Dimona, Mitzpe Ramon and Eilat, Kfar Yeruham is classified by the Ministry of Development as a Priority area AA. Industrial plants established here receive substantial development loans and economic assistance. In the past year a number of private concerns have availed themselves of these advantageous terms. A textile mill, a shoe plant and a glass factory which will use raw material found in the area are in the process of construction, creating another 100 places of productive employment for Kfar Yeruham.

'Mama and Papa'

At nightfall, Shaul Millstein accompanied us to our car. Only three months in Israel, Shaul considers himself an old-timer. He talks with pride and hope about "our town." A former jeweller from one of Rumania's smaller towns, he is now a building worker with Solel Boneh. Any complaints? we asked. "No," answered Shaul in sing-song Yiddish, "For Kfar Yeruham is a place where one feels that there is a Mama and a Papa worrying about one's future."

YESTERDAY'S PRESS COMMENT

Controller's Report Analyzed

THE faults pointed out in the State Controller's report, and especially the shortcomings and irregularities in the financial and administrative management of all the ministries, elicited sharp and pithy comment in yesterday's press.

Herut writes that the report exposes flagrant and cynical violations of the budget law, financial favouritism toward the cooperative sector and the profligate waste of much-needed funds. Worst of all, the fact that most of the criticism had already been made in previous reports and that the Government has failed to make the necessary amends, shows that it is consistently ignoring the interests of the citizens.

Ha'aretz (non-party) finds that a careful reading reveals that there has been some improvement in comparison with last year but that the situation is far from satisfactory and there is still a good deal to be done. The report represents a great deal of painstaking and serious effort that calls for drawing logical and practical conclusions.

Haboker (General Zionist) notes that the restraint and understatement in which the report is couched are simply jettisoned when Dr. Moses comes to the Finance Ministry's distribution of public money to enterprises and making good losses incurred without examining the prospects of the venture and without even charging interest. Will we at least "muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn" in our second decade?

Hamodia (World Aguda), implying that the entire disclosure is sickening, asks how the ordinary citizen who is not versed in the niceties of the law, can be called to account for an unintentional misdemeanour when a government ministry knowingly commits violations almost daily without pangs of conscience and without fear of being called to account.

Commenting on the report of the Minister of Labour on his department's signal achievements in the field of employment, constructive immigrant absorption, emergency jobs, *ma'abara* liquidation, housing, national insurance expansion etc., **Davar** (Histadrut) writes that the very fact that the opposition has proposed an increase in the Ministry's budget shows how greatly its work is appreciated by all sections of the public.

Hatzofe (National Religious) argues that despite the delicate allusions to "errors," "aesthetic flaws" and "defects," the fact that nothing has been done to eliminate the faults after the repeated charges in previous reports stands out in all its nakedness.

TO PARENTS

(Presented by the Department of Agricultural Education, Ministry of Agriculture)

NOTICE No. 2

GRADED SCHOOL FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The introduction of graded school fees for pupils of agricultural schools is great news indeed for parents. These schools are known for their flexible approach where the payment of school fees is concerned. They realize they have a role to play in encouraging boys from all walks of life to study agriculture, and have made a great contribution towards the admission of pupils from needy families. Agricultural schools are continually devising ways of easing the financial burden for deserving cases.

The Agricultural Education Scholarship Fund, established at the initiative of the Agricultural Centre, is the first of its kind to adopt the principle of grading school fees according to the income level of the prospective student's family.

The grading of school fees at agricultural schools has now received official recognition. Graded fees have now been fixed which take into account the family's financial position, the number of dependants, etc. Tuition for day pupils ranges from IL100 to IL430 p.a., and between IL250 and IL700 for boarders.

The introduction of graded school fees has not solved all the financial problems confronting pupils from needy homes.

The Scholarship Fund is intended chiefly for needy students unable to pay the graded tuition fees, as well as for upper grade students in settlements and higher institutions of learning.

Agricultural schools have thus striven consistently to remove all obstacles and enable all persons desiring to make agriculture their career to do so.

Readers' Letters

KEROSENE CARTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Many of us think it is time the problem of the kerosene carts in Jerusalem was discussed. The way the mules are treated—with certain exceptions—is a public disgrace. The standard of driving is shocking, and nearly all the mules look utterly miserable. We have all seen them being struck on the head and body by their drivers, or the boys working with the drivers, and I myself could cite case after case of cruelty.

Unlike the horse, the mule is by nature a slow animal, though he possesses great powers of endurance in a hot climate. Because of the system of commission earned by the kerosene vendors on the fuel they sell, they are tempted to hurry and in their impatience they urge their mules on all the time, without mercy, either (as in the case of my kerosene vendor) digging pointed sticks into them or incessantly pulling at their mouths and jerking the reins.

The kerosene vendors have formed themselves into a company which owns the mules (though not the carts) and I understand that no qualification whatsoever is required of the man except that he should have the money to buy his membership, and although he may have no knowledge whatsoever of animals, or be a sadist, he is given a mule to drive. There is nothing we citizens can do because we cannot even change our vendors; each man is allotted his own particular district in which only he is allowed to sell. The whole system seems to me to be pernicious.

Yours, etc.
RUTH LAZARUS
(Name and Address Supplied)
Jerusalem, March 15.

An article on suggestions for improving the kerosene supply service will appear tomorrow. Ed.

PEN FRIENDS

KARLA EHLBECK, Niedergeorgswerderdeich 64 (bei Kreyo), West Germany, 16 years-old, is very interested in having Israel pen friends.

ANT. DE JONG, Rue de la Station 43, Essen (prov. d'Anvers), Belgium, wishes to exchange stamps with an Israeli.

NATURE NOTES

The Strange Heron's Bill

THE popular name of this little flower varies slightly in different localities, but in all languages and places it alludes to the long, straight bill of either the heron, the stork, or the crane — for its strange fruit exactly resembles this bill.

Israel boasts a good many members of the family, but today I wish to speak of one attractive species seen everywhere on waste land by the roadside just now — the Tall heron's bill *(Erodium gruisum — M'kor hassidah gedol)*. It is not so tall, actually, just a little flower among the grasses, but it is pretty and interesting. Its petals are open only for half a day. When you see them in the morning, they are a striking flax blue, even deeper, and you wish you could take some home. They would be no good to you, however, because the petals are very "fallible," as the affected little girl said.

Then, when you see it later, you wonder at having thought it like flax — isn't it lilac, rather? But you were not mistaken. The same blossom that was so blue in the morning grows more and more mauve, and at noon the petals drop. The green calyx closes and from it grows the long bill which gives the name to the flower.

Apart from these easily observed oddities, there is one not so easy to see. The seeds of the heron's bill have long awns like spears. When slightly moistened, they bend into sickle shape, but when they reach the wet ground they spring back into the straight, so that the awn pierces deeply into the soil, the better to germinate. *P. A*

KEEPING POSTED

THE only queen with whom Israel children are at all familiar is Queen Esther, and there is no doubt that it is this, combined with the fact that Purim is just past, what caused a certain amount of confusion and, let us face it, disappointment in junior circles over the appearance of the Queen of the Belgians. The Purim Queen always wears a veil, a crown, and a good deal of jewellery, even if she ends up playing ball in the street. How can any modern Queen hope to fulfil these longings, unless she is just being crowned? In a Mapam kibbutz in particular, the children felt that royalty was not what they had thought. One child complained concerning the royal visit: "We

had little flags, and I waved till my arms ached. And then she came, with no crown and nothing. Just a nice lady, a grandmother perhaps, but beautiful. Not even a veil, and no diamonds on her dress."

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A FRIEND in London writes that he has been following up a curious little story in the pages of the "Jewish Observer," the hybrid London magazine half devoted to straight coverage of the highly respectable doings of Jewish and Zionist organisations in England, and half to colourful accounts of the less reputable doings of Middle Eastern politicians. To begin at the beginning, Nasser, it seems, gave the visiting editor of the Indian illustrated weekly "Blitz" a copy of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." He later told Mr. Ian Gilmour, editor of the London weekly "The Spectator," who cross-examined him about it, that the book had arrived by chance on his table and was lying there with a lot of other papers, and he told his Indian guest that he could keep it if he liked. The editor of "Blitz," writing about the interview, said that Nasser had made a point of giving it to him. He also printed an angry letter from a reader the following week attacking him sharply for referring to this well-known and slanderous fake publication as though it were a serious source of information.

The next thing that happened was that the "Jewish Observer" reported that "Blitz" had begun to serialize the Protocols. Our friend checked up with the London correspondent of "Blitz," a Mrs. Ghosh, who invited him to look through the complete file of "Blitzes" from the time the subject had first come up. The Protocols were mentioned only twice altogether, and there was no suggestion that they would be serialized. Apparently the magazine had received quite a number of letters protesting that the Protocols were a notorious fake. If the editor had at any time been impressed by them he was wise enough to accept the warning that the book is a complete fake, even though he happens to favour Arab nationalism in politics. The "Jewish Observer" explained that it got the story of the serialization from the Home Service of Cairo Radio; but even this service, which gives a highly fanciful interpretation of events, only said that "Blitz" was planning to publish the thing. The story was just getting the Middle East treatment, that's all.

WE have heard a good many complaints about dirty window-panes in buses. Now we hear from Haifa that a passenger in a bus that had stopped in a main street saw an acquaintance she had lost touch with for some time. She knocked on the window to attract the other woman's attention, but couldn't get the darned thing opened to make herself heard. The woman outside made questioning movements with her hands. Quickly the passenger wrote her telephone number in the dust on the window and an old friendship was successfully revived.

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WE were travelling in a sherut tari recently and listening idly as a little girl cross-examined an English-speaking visitor on the Sholom Aleichem stamps. Sholom Aleichem wrote wonderful stories, she was told. In Yiddish, but you could also read them in Hebrew. And

they were good in English, too, come to that. He had been born just a hundred years ago, that was why there were special stamps to mark the occasion. "But this Shakespeare also wrote very good English, they say," countered the child. "Why haven't we got any stamps for him?" The patient tourist gave up.

"That's Shakespeare's problem," he said.

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6.	Synthomycetine Syrup	50 gm.	IL4.900
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8.	Nocotibine 50 mgm.	40 tablets	IL0.950
9.	Nicotibine 100 mgm.	40 tablets	IL1.495
10.	Piperoxine Syrup	115 c.c.	IL1.170
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